



*Minutes of the 09 September 2008
Monthly Meeting
of the
Barrie Amateur Radio Club
held at Zehr's, Big Bay Point Rd.*

President	Alex McGuire	VE3PKA
Vice-President	Jim Collins	VE3LIC
Treasurer	Rick Allen	VA3WSB
Secretary	Mary Adams	VA3MIZ
Membership	Darwin Duckworth	VA3DUC
Director	Jack Hartley	VE3RDQ
Director	Al Duncan	VE3RRD

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1905 hrs by Alex McGuire VE3PKA.

Introductions

All those present introduced themselves. There were 17 in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Rick Allen VA3WSB presented the club financial report for August. Motion to accept by Jim Collins VE3LIC and seconded by Pat Barrett VE3RNH.

Correspondence

Rick Allen VA3WSB had some correspondence regarding the York Region Hamfest which is being held at the Markham Fairgrounds.

Committee Reports

RAG – Nothing to report as yet, but Al Duncan VE3RRD is on top of it.

LSR Update – Nothing to report.

Membership – Alex McGuire VE3PKA told us that we had two new members join up at Hamfest.

ARES – Nothing to report.

HAMFEST Report

(Please see *Interim Hamfest Report* handed out by Alex McGuire VE3PKA)

Alex is still waiting for the final financial figures on this event due to the possible expense of \$107.00 for the hall rental to be reflected in the final total.

Compliments - We received a very nice e-mail, which Alex read, from RAC sending us compliments and congratulations on Hamfest.

Alex thanked everyone for all of their help to make this event a success.

Old Business

Course Venue - We're still looking for a venue for the course. Jim Collins' sister-in-law works for the Red Cross and she will be checking on the possibility of us holding it in that building. Since Jim's sister-in-law is also interested in taking this course, Jack Hartley VE3RDQ proposed that if she is able to get us permission to hold our meetings there, her fee for the course should be waived. We will wait for more information on this.

Meeting room at Zehrs - The meeting room at Zehrs may not be available under the same terms and conditions as we have it right now. The cost may end up being \$2.00 per person at every meeting. After reviewing the letter, we found that the room is still free-of-charge for all registered charities. Rick Allen VA3WSB and Mary Adams VA3MIZ checked our Letters of Incorporation and found that we are indeed "Not for Profit". Mary will type up a letter to this effect and forward it to Rick, who will in turn send it off to Zehrs. We should know more by the next meeting.

New Business

Alex McGuire VE3PKA reminded us that next month we're going to have to draw up a committee for elections which take place in November. We still need guest speakers, so if anyone has any ideas, please let us know.

Alex also asked about the possibility of starting up an HF committee and Bill Manning VE3GWM said that he would be interested in handling this.

Alex received a request from the Orillia club about the possibility of us helping them with the 3 day Beatle Festival on Saturday, September 20th and perhaps Sunday, September 21st from 9 – 4 each day. If you're interested, please let Alex know.

Alex is also looking for volunteers to help with parking at the Oro Fairgrounds for this coming Friday and Saturday.

Interim Executive positions

Because of impending employment where she will be away sometimes for months at a time, Mary Adams VA3MIZ won't be able to continue taking care of the Secretarial duties on an on-going basis. Alex McGuire VE3PKA is asking for someone to take over this position when Mary is not able to.

Darwin Duckworth VA3DUC who handles Membership is also not able to continue in this position as he is Military and has been posted to Meaford. We need someone to fill this spot.

New Position - Media Liaison

At the Executive meetings, we have discussed creating a Media Liaison position. This position would entail keeping an accurate list of contacts from sources such as "Snap" and "The Advance" as well as TV and Radio stations. This would enable us to get our name out and let people see what we're all about. Pat Barrett VE3RNH said that she would consider handling this position. Thank you, Pat. Alex reminded us to pass on any information, which could be helpful in regards to this, to Pat so that she could either add it to the list or act on it.

Christmas party/Social Volunteer

Alex told us that it's time to start thinking about this. We need to keep the menu under \$25.00 (inclusive), Saturday nights seem to be best and we're probably looking at 25 – 30 people. After asking about interest in this and finding out that it is favourable, Rick Allen VA3WSB volunteered to look after this and check out various restaurants. Thanks, Rick.

Coffee break/50/50 draw

Mary Adams VA3MIZ went home \$12.00 richer.

Wish List Discussion

Al Duncan VE3RRD wished for a few very useful items for the Club.

- Packet Radio power supply. (approx. \$180.00)
- Yaesu Radio 8800 (dual band with cross-band repeat) which is approx. \$389.00.

- Projector.

Alex McGuire VE3PKA

- Would like to have a folding tent for outdoor events. (approx. \$100 – 150.00)

Al Duncan VE3RRD

- Would like two pairs of ARES logo magnetic signs. RAC makes them and sells them for \$35.00 a pair + taxes and shipping. If someone could pick them up we could save the taxes and shipping costs.
- P.A. System (need 70 Volt). Jack Hartley VE3RDQ will see what he can scrounge up as far as speakers and Jim Collins VE3LIC will check to see if he can find one of the amps needed.

Harvey Taylor

- Power Inverters?

Jack Hartley VE3RDQ

- 4 deep cycle batteries.

Ted Pino VA3TWP

- A good First Aid kit is a real necessity for the club.

Al Duncan VE3RRD

- Mag mount dual band antenna is needed. (approx. \$70.00) Werner VE3DIL has one and he will kindly donate it to the Club.

Bill Braithwaite VE3FWM

- Feels that a megaphone would be very useful.

Jack Hartley VE3RDQ

- Would like us to make a donation to LSR...they could sure use it.

Al Duncan VE3RRD

- Instructors for the upcoming course.

Pat Barrett VE3RNH

- HF Transceiver – could we save for this?
- Ground stake for transmitter and copper wire. (Alex McGuire VE3PKA stated that these things will be purchased immediately because it is needed now.)
- Also wondering about whether we are participating in the RAC Winter Contest. If so, we need a venue.

The meeting adjourned at 20:47 with a motion by Dave Wainwright VE3ILA and seconded by Harvey Taylor.

List of Upcoming Events

Fox Hunts (hidden transmitter hunts) – on hold until further notice

JOTA – October 18/19, 2008 (Waiting for more info on this.)

Walk for Dog Guides – May 2009 at Centennial Park Barrie

Celebrate Barrie – June 2009 at Centennial Park Barrie

Volunteers are needed for all the above events